iodised salt in a clandestine manner to three Ahmedabad based parties without following any proper procedure;

(b) whether it is a fact that all three parties were in fact three different names of one management having same persons behind them;

(c) whether supply contract was repeatedly awarded to these three parties without following established procedure irrespective of the fact that stocks supplied by them were rejected; and

(d) whether NCCF has suffered heavy losses due to said rejection of substandard salt which has been lying unattended for three years at Silchar and Calcutta?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) NCCF suffered losses on account of non lifting of Iodised Salt from Silchar by Government of Mizoram in 1985-86 and there was no purchase of Iodised Salt during 1983-84. The Iodised salt purchased by its Calcutta branch had been disposed of earning profit.

Controlled cloth and Janata cloth supplied by Kanpur Branch of NCCF

2620. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3124 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against the then Regional Manager of NCCF for the said irregularities;

(b) if not, by when Government propose to do the needful;

(c) whether enquiry against the said officer in case of other irregularities has been completed by now; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and penalty, if any proposed to be awarded to the said officer?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The departmental enquiry initiated against the Regional Manager concerned is in final stages of completion. It is not possible to fix any time-limit for the purpose.

(c) and (d) The NCCF have already conducted a fact-finding enquiry into the allegations/irregularities referred to in the letter of the ex-President and the departmental enquiry has been initiated on that basis. The question on imposition of penalty would arise only after the departmental enquiries have been completed.

Loss to NCCF on supply of rice to foreign buyer

2621. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the NCCF Officers responsible for shipping 2635 Mts of PR-106 quality rice which is almost double the price of IR-8 quality rice;

(b) whether it was a conspiracy on the part of the said NCCF officers to give undue benefit to the foreign buyer at the cost of the NCCF and deprive the country of much needed foreign exchange to that extent;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct departmental enquiry to fix the responsibility; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that according to the information available, about 2635 MTs of PR-106 rice were shipped after damage of stocks of rice at Kandla port and that the price of PR-106 rice was not double the price of IR-8.

(b) to (d) The NCCF have filed a case in the High Court of Delhi against the insurance company and the matter is